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1. MASSIVE ANTI-COMMUNIST RALLY COMMEMORATING OUTBREAK OF KOREAN WAR DREW ESTIMATED ONE MILLION SPECTATORS IN SEOUL JUNE 25. BESIDES UNUSUALLY LARGE CROWD, RALLY WAS NOTEWORTHY FOR HEAVY EMPHASIS IN SPEECHES ON UNIFICATION BY VICTORY OVER COMMUNISM AND VEHEMENT DENUNCIATIONS OF KIM IL-SONG AS TRAITOR AND MURDERER. SECONDARY THEMESE WERE CALL TO STRENGTHEN ROK'S DEFENSE POSTURE AND TO AWAKEN KIM IL-SONG FROM "WILX DREAM" OF COMMUNIZING THE ROK. SPEAKERS EXUDED CONFIDENCE IN ROK ABILITY TO STAND UP TO ANY THREAT FROM NORTH.

2. NEWLY ELECTED HEADS OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (SNU), YONSEI, AND EHWA UNIVERSITIES ALSO GAVE ANTI-COMMUNIST SPEECHES. SNU STUDENT PRESIDENT YI HYON-SU READ STATEMENT APPEALING TO PRESIDENT PARK TO STRENGTHEN ROK SECURITY TO FRUSTRATE KIM IL-SONG'S ARMED PROVOCATIONS. EHWA AND YONSEI STUDENT LEADERS ADDRESSED

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SPEECHES TO COMPATRIOTS IN THE NORTH. THEY BLAMED KIM IL-
SONG FOR "FAILURE" OF SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE AND PLEDGED UN-
ENDING EFFORTS FOR FREEDOM AND PEACEFUL UNIFICATION.

3. COMMENT: GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO HAVE ORCHESTRATED RALLY
AS "RESOLUTE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE" TO RISING THREAT FROM
NORTH OUTLINED JUNE 24 BY DEFENSE MINISTER SUH.
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